

What Is Claimed Is:

1        1.     A template for oligonucleotides synthesis comprising:  
2              a Watson-Crick nucleotide region, having two ends;  
3              a Hoogsteen nucleotide region, having two ends;  
4              at least one linker region attaching at least one of said ends of said Watson-Crick  
5              nucleotide region and at least one of said ends of said Hoogsteen nucleotide region;  
6              wherein, said Watson-Crick nucleotide region and said Hoogsteen nucleotide region  
7              are capable of forming a triplex with substrate nucleotides.

1        2.     The template for oligonucleotide synthesis of claim 1, wherein said at least one linker  
2              region comprises two linker regions.

1        3.     The template for oligonucleotide synthesis of claim 1, wherein said linker region is  
2              selected from the group consisting of an oligonucleotide, an oligopeptide, and a polyether.

1        4.     The template for synthesis of oligonucleotides of claim 1 further comprising at least  
2              one primer.

1        5.     The template for oligonucleotide synthesis claim 4, wherein said at least one primer  
2              comprises two primers.

1           6.       The template for oligonucleotide synthesis of claim 4, wherein said at least one  
2 primer is covalently bound to said at least one linker region.

1           7.       A method for synthesizing oligonucleotides comprising:  
2              preparing a solution of substrate mononucleotides;  
3              adding a circular polynucleotide template to said solution;  
4              allowing said mononucleotide substrates and said circular polynucleotide template  
5              to form a triplex;

6              adding a reaction mixture to said solution, thereby causing the ligation of the  
7 mononucleotide substrates so as to form an oligonucleotide;  
8              denaturing said triplex; and,  
9              separating said oligonucleotide from said circular polynucleotide template.

1           8.       The method of claim 7 further comprising adding a pH buffer to said solution.

1           9.       The method of claim 7, wherein said reaction mixture comprises cyanogen bromide  
2 and a divalent metal salt.

1           10.      The method of claim 9, wherein said divalent metal salt is selected from the group  
2 consisting of magnesium chloride, barium chloride, manganese chloride, nickel chloride, cobalt  
3 chloride, copper chloride, zinc chloride, calcium nitrate or calcium chloride.

1           11. The method of claim 9, wherein the concentration of said divalent metal salt is  
2       between 20 and 200 mM.

1           12. The method of claim 7 further comprising the step of increasing the temperature of  
2       said solution to greater than 10°C.

1           13. A method for synthesizing oligonucleotides comprising:  
2                  forming a solution of substrate nucleotides;  
3                  forming a solution of circular polynucleotide templates within a dialysis bag, wherein  
4        said dialysis bag allows diffusion of oligonucleotides but prevents diffusion of circular templates;  
5                  immersing said dialysis bags in said solution of substrate nucleotides;  
6                  allowing triplex formation between said templates and said substrate nucleotides  
7        within said dialysis bags;  
8                  addition of the reaction mixture to said solution, thereby causing ligation of said  
9        substrate nucleotides to form an oligonucleotide;  
10          denaturing said triplex, thereby dissociating said oligonucleotide from said template;  
11          allowing said oligonucleotide to diffuse outside said dialysis bag; and  
12          removing said dialysis bag from said solution.

1           14. The method of claim 13 further comprising raising the temperature of said substrate  
2       nucleotide solution to greater than 10°C.

1           15.     The method of claim 13, wherein said substrate nucleotides is selected from the group  
2     consisting of mononucleotides, oligonucleotides, or polynucleotides.

1           16.     The method of claim 13, wherein said reaction mixture is comprised of cyanogen  
2     bromide and a divalent metal salt.

1           17.     The method of claim 16, wherein the concentration of said divalent metal salt is  
2     between 20 and 200 mM.

1           18.     The method of claim 16, wherein said divalent metal salt is selected from the group  
2     consisting of magnesium chloride, barium chloride, manganese chloride, nickel chloride, cobalt  
3     chloride, copper chloride, zinc chloride, calcium nitrate or calcium chloride.